

March 5, 2004

Name \_\_\_\_\_

The total number of points available is 120. Throughout this test, **show your work.**

1. (15 points) Let  $p(x) = x^2 - 4x + 5$ .

(a) Compute  $p'(x)$

**Solution:**  $p'(x) = 2x - 4$ .

(b) Compute  $p''(x)$

**Solution:**  $p''(x) = 2$

(c) Use the information in a. to find an equation for the line tangent to the graph of  $p$  at the point  $(1, 2)$ .

**Solution:**  $y - 2 = p'(1)(x - 1) = -2(x - 1)$ , so  $y = -2x + 4$ .

2. (15 points) Intermediate Value Theorem. Recall that the IVT asserts the following: If  $f$  is a continuous function on the interval  $[a, b]$  and  $M$  is a number between  $f(a)$  and  $f(b)$ , then there exists a number  $c$  satisfying  $a \leq c \leq b$  and  $f(c) = M$ . For this problem let  $f(x) = \sqrt{4x - 3}$  and let  $[a, b] = [1, 7]$ . Finally, suppose  $M = 2$ . Find the number  $c$  whose existence is guaranteed by IVT.

**Solution:** We need to solve the equation  $\sqrt{4x - 3} = 2$  for  $x$ . Square both sides to get  $4x - 3 = 4$ , from which it follows that  $x = 7/4$ .

3. (15 points) The total weekly cost in dollars incurred by the Lincoln Record Company in pressing  $x$  playing records is given by  $C(x) = 2000 + 3x - 0.01x^2$  for  $x$  in the range 0 to 6000.

(a) Find the marginal cost function  $C'(x)$ .

**Solution:**  $C'(x) = 3 - 0.02x$

(b) Find the average cost function  $\bar{C}(x)$ .

**Solution:**  $\bar{C}(x) = \frac{2000+3x-0.01x^2}{x} = \frac{2000}{x} + 3 - 0.01x$ .

(c) Find the marginal average cost function  $\bar{C}'(x)$ .

**Solution:**  $\bar{C}'(x) = -2000x^{-2} - 0.01$ .

(d) Interpret your results in (c). Is the average cost growing or falling as the company produces more units?

**Solution:** The function  $\bar{C}'(x) = -2000x^{-2} - 0.01$  is negative throughout its domain. This means that the average cost decreases the more records are produced.

4. (30 points) Consider the table of values given for the functions  $f, f', g,$  and  $g'$ :

$x$	$f(x)$	$f'(x)$	$g(x)$	$g'(x)$
0	2	1	6	2
1	4	6	1	5
2	6	4	3	4
3	1	2	5	3
4	3	5	2	6
5	5	3	4	1
6	0	3	2	4

- (a) Let  $K(x) = f(x) \cdot g(x)$ . Compute  $K'(2)$

**Solution:**  $K'(x) = f'(x) \cdot g(x) + g'(x)f(x)$ , so  $K'(2) = f'(2) \cdot g(2) + g'(2)f(2) = 4 \cdot 3 + 4 \cdot 6 = 36$ .

- (b) Let  $L(x) = f(x)/g(x)$ . Compute  $L'(1)$ .

**Solution:**  $L'(x) = (f'(x)g(x) - g'(x)f(x)) \div (g(x))^2$ , so  $L'(1) = (f'(1)g(1) - g'(1)f(1)) \div (g(1))^2 = (6 \cdot 1 - 5 \cdot 4) \div 1^2 = -14$ .

- (c) Let  $U(x) = f \circ g(x)$ . Compute  $U'(4)$ .

**Solution:** By the chain rule,  $U'(x) = f'(g(x)) \cdot g'(x)$ , so  $U'(4) = f'(g(4)) \cdot g'(4) = f'(2) \cdot g'(4) = 4 \cdot 6 = 24$ .

- (d) Let  $V(x) = g \circ f(x)$ . Compute  $V'(5)$ .

**Solution:** Again, by the chain rule,  $V'(x) = g'(f(x)) \cdot f'(x)$ , so  $V'(5) = g'(f(5)) \cdot f'(5) = g'(5) \cdot f'(5) = 1 \cdot 3 = 3$ .

- (e) Let  $W(x) = f(x^2)$ . Compute  $W'(2)$ .

**Solution:** Again by the chain rule,  $W'(x) = f'(x^2) \cdot 2x$ , so  $W'(2) = f'(4) \cdot 4 = 5 \cdot 4 = 20$

- (f) Let  $Z(x) = g(xf(x))$ . Compute  $Z'(3)$ .

**Solution:** Again by the chain rule and the product rule,  $Z'(x) = g'(xf(x)) \cdot \frac{d}{dx}xf(x) = g'(xf(x)) \cdot (1 \cdot f(x) + xf'(x))$ , so  $Z'(3) = g'(3f(3)) \cdot (1 \cdot f(3) + 3f'(3)) = g'(3 \cdot 1) \cdot (1 \cdot 1 + 3 \cdot 2) = 3(1 + 6) = 21$ .

5. (25 points) Compute the following derivatives.

(a) Let  $f(x) = x^2 + x^{-\frac{1}{2}}$ . Find  $\frac{d}{dx}f(x)$ .

**Solution:**  $f'(x) = 2x - \frac{1}{2}x^{-\frac{3}{2}}$ .

(b) Let  $g(x) = \sqrt{x^4 + 4}$ . What is  $g'(x)$ ?

**Solution:**  $g'(x) = \frac{1}{2}(x^4 + 4)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \cdot 4x^3 = 2x^3 \div \sqrt{x^4 + 4}$ .

(c) Find  $\frac{d}{dx}((3x + 1)^2 \cdot (4x^3 - 1))$ .

**Solution:** By the product rule,  $\frac{d}{dx}((3x + 1)^2 \cdot (4x^3 - 1)) = 2(3x + 1) \cdot 3 \cdot (4x^3 - 1) + 12x^2(3x + 1)^2 = 6(3x + 1)(10x^3 + 2x^2 - 1)$ .

(d) Find  $\frac{d}{dx} \frac{2x^2 + 1}{x - 2}$ .

**Solution:** By the quotient rule,  $\frac{d}{dx} \frac{2x^2 + 1}{x - 2} = \frac{4x(x - 2) - 1(2x^2 + 1)}{(x - 2)^2} = \frac{2x^2 - 8x - 1}{x^2 - 4x + 4}$ .

(e) Find  $\frac{d}{dt}(t^2 + 1/t)^3$ .

**Solution:** By the chain rule,  $\frac{d}{dt}(t^2 + 1/t)^3 = 3(t^2 + 1/t)^2 \cdot (2t - t^{-2})$ .

6. (10 points) Let  $f(x) = 2/x$ . Use the limit definition of derivative to find  $f'(x)$ .

**Solution:** We need to compute  $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h)-f(x)}{h}$ . Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{2/(x+h) - 2/x}{h} &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{2/(x+h) - 2/x}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{2x - 2(x+h)}{x(x+h)h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{-2h}{x(x+h)h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{-2}{x(x+h)} \\ &= \frac{-2}{x^2} \end{aligned}$$

7. (10 points) Consider the function  $f$  defined by:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 2x^2 - 3x & \text{if } x < 1 \\ 4 & \text{if } x = 1 \\ \sqrt{x-1} & \text{if } x > 1 \end{cases}$$

- (a) What is the slope of the line tangent to the graph of  $f$  at the point  $(5, 2)$ ?

**Solution:** To find  $f'(5)$  first note that when  $x$  is near 5,  $f(x) = (x-1)^{1/2}$  so  $f'(x) = \frac{1}{2}(x-1)^{-1/2}$ . Thus,  $f'(5) = \frac{1}{2}(4^{-1/2}) = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{4}$ .

- (b) Find  $f'(-3)$

**Solution:** To find  $f'(-3)$ , we must differentiate the part of  $f$  defined for  $x < 1$ . In this area,  $f'(x) = 4x - 3$ , so  $f'(-3) = 4(-3) - 3 = -15$